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## Local Development Plan Newsletter 21 – July 2014

Welcome to the East Dunbartonshire Council LDP newsletter. These newsletters are designed to keep you up-to-date with the latest news on our Local Development Plan from pre-Main Issues Report engagement right through to adoption and beyond as well as highlighting how the LDP ties in with other key work the Council is delivering.

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### Local Development Plan– Progress Update and Next Steps

The Council is in the process of preparing its new Local Development Plan – a process that takes a number of years and includes considerable elements of local consultation and engagement. Since the publication of the Main Issues Report in September 2013 the following work has been carried out:

- Analysis of all responses received and production of a detailed [Report of Findings](#)
- A further consultation on additional sites received during the MIR consultation
- The preparation of a report that was considered by Council on 26 June

### MIR Additional Sites Consultation

The extra period of consultation on the 27 additional development sites, which were proposed following publication of the Main Issues Report, ended on 20 June. The Land Planning Policy team is now focused on analysing the responses, and we aim to publish the outcomes as an addition to the [MIR Report of Consultation](#), which can be found on the emerging local development plan [webpage](#). This process is likely to take at least 4-6 weeks, and we will provide further details of the publication of these outcomes in a future Newsletter.

### Council Meeting – 26 June 2014

At its meeting on 26 June, Council remitted officers to carry out work on the Council's preferred option for housing development which will form part of the next Local Development Plan, which is scheduled to be available for consultation in spring next year. As housing is the largest land use in the area and is interrelated with other issues such as green network opportunities, it is important to establish the strategy for this ahead of other elements of the Plan. The preferred option seeks to contribute towards affordable housing need without exceeding private demand by delivering land for approximately 500 private units and 450 affordable units through a package of sites.

Council Leader Rhondda Geekie confirmed, "The Council's decision means that further work will now be undertaken to look at the potential for the sites in the Council report to be allocated for housing development in the forthcoming Local Development Plan. The availability of affordable housing in this area is a key consideration for us through the planning process as a result of Scottish Government requirements and it is important that our new Local Development Plan enables us to contribute towards our future need.

This work will contribute towards the preparation of the Proposed Plan which, once further developed, will be reported to the Council's Development & Regeneration Committee for approval ahead of publication of the Proposed Plan scheduled for spring 2015.

Councillor Geekie continued: "It is also important to stress that there are no current planning applications for any of these sites and if one were to come forward at this time the application and the site would be assessed against the current adopted Local Plan 2."

"We have worked hard to get the balance right throughout the development process, to produce the best Local Development Plan that we possibly can. This latest work that we have remitted officers to carry out will further inform the resulting Local Development Plan which will shape development throughout East Dunbartonshire in the years to come."

The full Council paper on this topic can be [accessed here \(Item 12\)](#).

### **Next Steps**

We remain on course to publish the Proposed Plan in April 2015, as outlined in the most recent [Development Plan Scheme](#). A substantial amount of work still needs to be undertaken leading up to this point, including;

- Policy formulation and establishing a robust evidence base
- Further work on the Council's preferred option for housing development as set out in the report above.
- Environmental Assessment of proposed policies
- Engagement with key agencies
- Preparation of Supplementary Guidance
- Preparation of an Action Programme
- Neighbour notification procedures

We appreciate your patience during this period and would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the various consultation events up to this point. The process of preparing a development plan that balances competing interests is extremely challenging, and so it is important that we are as thorough as possible in carrying out this work. This will ultimately give us the most appropriate and sustainable means of addressing the key challenges facing East Dunbartonshire, as identified in the Main Issues Report.

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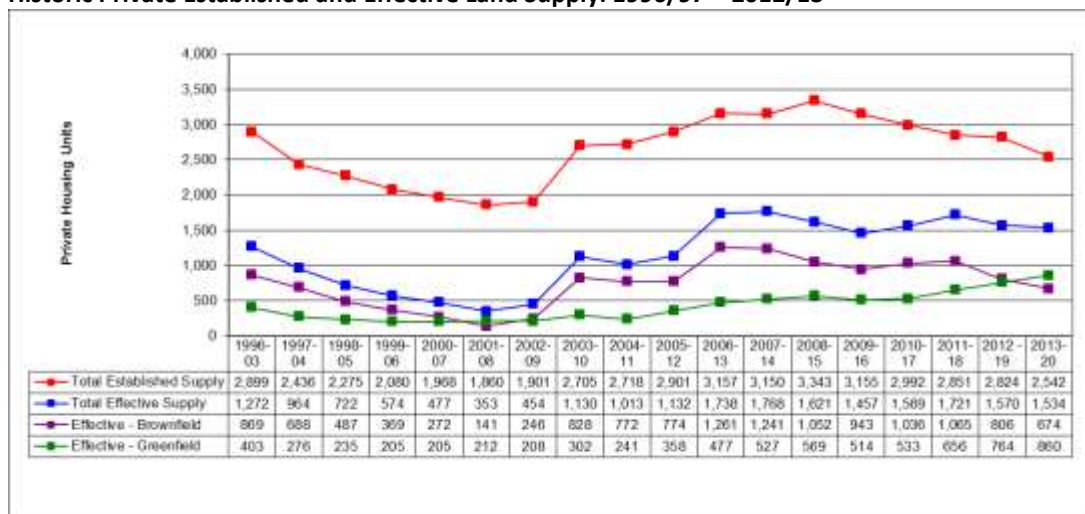
## Housing Land Audit 2013

Our annual [Housing Land Audit \(HLA\)](#) for the year 2012/13 was published in May, and can be viewed on the 'Housing' section of the Council's planning policy webpage:

[http://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/content/planning\\_building\\_standards/planning/planning\\_policies/planning\\_housing.aspx](http://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/content/planning_building_standards/planning/planning_policies/planning_housing.aspx)

The HLA contains information about all sites currently identified as having housing potential for four or more units within East Dunbartonshire. This is known as the 'established' land supply and comprises: the remaining capacity of sites under construction; sites with planning consent; sites in adopted Local Plans and, where appropriate, other land with agreed potential for housing development.

### Historic Private Established and Effective Land Supply: 1996/97 – 2012/13



## East Dunbartonshire Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy – Coming soon: An opportunity to influence the Strategy

East Dunbartonshire Council and East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust have begun work on a Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy, guided by a small Steering Group. The combined Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy will underpin the direction of Cultural, Leisure and Sport provision across East Dunbartonshire over the next five years and is intended for all users and providers of leisure, culture and sport in East Dunbartonshire. In order to produce the Strategy the Council and Trust will be engaging with culture, leisure and sports providers and residents of East Dunbartonshire throughout the process. The following diagram set out the process and timescales for the production of the Strategy and we will provide further updates as the Strategy progresses.

